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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SFM BY UNEF FORCE COMMANDER AND CHIEF OF STAFF

1. M/GENERAL RAIS ABIN, INDONESIAN ARMY, FORCE COMMANDER, UNEF, AND BRIGADIER STIG NIHLEN, SWEDISH ARMY, CHIEF OF STAFF, UNEF, VISITED SFM ON MARCH 17. DURING TWO LONG CONVERSATIONSN WE COVERED UN OPERATIONS/INTERESTS.

2. M/GENERAL RAIS CONFIRMED THAT GOI NOW ROUTINELY INFORMS THE UN CHIEF COORDINATOR IN ADVANCE OF PLANNED IDF MANEUVERS IN THE SINAI. SO FAR HE IS NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT GOE WILL RECIPROCATE. HE SAID HE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF SFM COULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PARALLEL NOTIFICATION TO BOTH SIDES WHEN NOTIFIED OF PENDING MANEUVERS BY EITHER SIDE. I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT WE ROUTINELY PROVIDE INFORMATION TO BOTH PARTIES AND UN HEADQUARTERS OF ANY MANEUVERS OBSERVED ON EITHER SIDE OUTSIDE BUFFER ZONE AND ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN EITHER LFZ.

3. HE READILY AGREED THAT IN THE FUTURE ANY UN-INSPIRED AGENDA ITEM FOR A JOINT COMMISSION MEEING WHICH MIGHT AFFECT SFM OPERATIONS WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH US FIRST.
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4. IT IS APPARENT THAT UNEF DOES NOT INTEND TO CONTINUE WITH MINE FIELD CLEARING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUCH ORDNANCE AS MAY BE FOUND FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE NEAR VICINITY OF SFM OR UN INSTALLATIONS OR NEAR E-1 OR J-1. THESE WOULD BE REMOVED OR DETONATED IF THEY CONSTITUTED A THREAT. IN THIS CONNECTION A 1,000 BOMB WILL BE DE-TONATED IN THE VICINITY OF MITLA EAST WATCH STATION. (SECURITY

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PRECAUTIONS FOR THIS EVENT ARE BEING TAKEN.)

5. THE POLISH LOGISTICAL COMMAND WILL SOON RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING COMPANY WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE CAPABLE OF ROAD REPAIRS. HE EXPECTED THIS COMPANY WOULD ARRIVE WITHIN THREE MONTHS AND INDICATED THAT WE COULD ESTABLISH PRIORITIES MUTUALLY FOR REPAIRS TO THOSE ROADS WHICH ARE REQUIRED FOR SFM OPERATIONS.

6. I THANKED HIM FOR THE EFFORTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO IMPROVE THE INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OF THE GHANBATT AND THANKED HIM FOR THE IMPROVED SUPPORT.

7. THE UNEF/IDF TEAM WHICH IS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL WHITE PAINTED 55 GALLON DRUMS TO MARK J-LINE HAS JUST REACHED CP BRAVO FROM THE MED. GENERAL RAIS ANTICIPATES THAT IT WILL BE TWO MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

8. THE FIRST PARTIAL MOVE OF UNEF HEADQUARTERS FROM THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY COMPOUND TO THE EGYPTIAN YOUTH CENTER ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ISMAILIA WILL TAKE PLACE IN TWO WEEKS, THUS RELEASING TWO BUILDING

TO THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY.

9. IN TALKING WITH MAJOR GENERAL MAGDOUB, SARELO, CAIRO THAT MORNING, GENERAL MAGDOUB TOLD GENERAL RAIS THAT THIS TRANSFER HAD BEEN DELAYED SLIGHTLY AND THAT HE WOULD BE STAYING ON IN HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT FOR "A SHORT TIME LONGER."

10. GENERAL RAIS AND BRIGADIER NIHLEN WITNESSED A DOMONSTRATION OF
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NIGHT OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT AT GIDDI EAST WATCH STATION AND EXPRESSED THEMSELVES AS PLEASED AND IMPRESSED. THIS COMPLETES THE DEMONSTRATION OF DAY-TIME AND NIGHT-TIME OPTICAL SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITIES TO THE EGYPTIANS, ISRAELIS AND THE UN IN THAT ORDER.
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